



Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, December 17, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met December 17, 2019, as per public notice given in the Clay County News on December 11, 2019. A copy of the proof of publication is on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2019 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room. All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Pavelka and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 26, 2019 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Bitterman and Fintel; abstain: Shaw; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent presented the work report, easement requests and a list of surplus property. He reported on snow removal, shredding & cutting down trees; hauling concrete and gave a progress report on the new bridge projects.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Bitterman to approve the Highway Superintendent's road work report for the month of November 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

A list of surplus items was reviewed. Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to declare 1 1996 Ford L9000 Tandem Axle Dump Truck, a 2000 GMC Top Kick Flat Bed Truck, a 2000 Gledhil 11' 4-way Snow Plow, a 1998 Balderson BV-11 V-Plow, a 1948 Balderson BV-11 V-Plow, a 2000 Henderson 11' 4-way Snow Plow, a Jet Drill Press and a 1-Ton chain Hoist as surplus. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Two easement requests from Windstream were discussed.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to construct telecommunications facilities occupying the Right-of-Way on Road X in the NW ¼ of Section 35, T7N-R5W; work order #150000606-90680;OSP-16289. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to approve the request from Windstream Nebraska, Inc. to construct telecommunications facilities occupying the Right-of-Way on



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Road 304 between Road S and Road T located between SW ¼ Section 13, T5N-R6W and NW ¼ Section 24, T5N-R6W; work order #715090070-00173;OSP-16483. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Peyton Heusinkvelt, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. sales representative discussed some of the services they provide as well as upgrades on equipment.

There was one on call engineering service proposal to open. The proposal from Olsson & Associates was read and discussed.

Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Johnson to appoint Olsson & Associates for on call engineering services for 2020 as proposed and authorize the chairman to sign the letter of agreement. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney as well as persons interested in purchasing the services building were present for the bidding process. When the property was advertised for sale, no sealed bids were received. Statute allows the County Board of Supervisors to then negotiate the sale of the property. Ted told those present that the County Board is accepting Bids for the purchase of the Service Building (Lot 21 & N17' Lot 22 Block 18 First Add. Clay Center and Lot 1 & N17' Lot 2 Block 5 Ellers Add. Clay Center). The notice stated that the bidding would start at \$1000.00 and bids would be accepted in \$100.00 increments from there. Ted also stated that the asbestos report had been available for inspection and that the building was being sold as is.

An offer was made and accepted by the Board.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Bitterman to accept the bid from Raptor Soils LLC in the amount of \$5000.00 for the property at Lot 21 & N17' Lot 22 Block 18 First Add. Clay Center and Lot 1 & N17' Lot 2 Block 5 Ellers Add. Clay Center. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Michael Sindelar, extension educator handed out information on webinars, meetings and trainings available to the public. Some of the programs being offered were discussed.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Bitterman and seconded by Samuelson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of November 2019: County Clerk, \$6,412.00, County Court, \$11,487.33, Clerk of District Court, \$20,359.50, County Sheriff, \$4,921.85 and County Treasurer receipts #190100043 through #190100045 and #19110001 through #19110033 in the amount of \$190,152.13. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Barb Barnett, Zoning Administrator sent information concerning the expiration of terms for Mary Lynne Ellis, Brett Nunnenkamp and Dan Baumert on the Clay County Joint



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Planning and Zoning Commission. All three have indicated they would serve another term.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Shaw to re-appoint Mary Lynne Ellis, Brett Nunnenkamp and Dan Baumert to the Clay County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2022. On roll call, yea: Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff met with the board to discuss the remodel of the 9-1-1 center. A quote from All Makes for dispatch center furniture was reviewed. Tim Lewis, Emergency Manager was also present for this discussion.

Motion by Johnson and seconded by Pavelka to accept the quote form All Makes in the amount of \$4820.77 for 9-1-1 dispatch furniture; payable from the 9-1-1 Fund. On roll call, yea: Bitterman, Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson and Fintel; stepped out: Shaw; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Judd Allen, NACO Benefit Services answered questions the Board had about adding family insurance to the County's health insurance coverage.

Dennis Valentine, Pam Maynard and Rita Engel, from the Clay County Tourism Committee told the board that they had met, reviewed the requests and came up with recommendations. Receipts from the lodging tax are down. Keeping this in mind, the committee wants to be conservative. Their intent is to help with funding but not to be a total funding source. As of November 30, 2019, there is \$5,034.40 available for the Improvement Fund and \$4,436.21 for the Promotion Fund. The requests for the Improvement Fund total \$7,000.00 and for the Promotion Fund \$3,700.00. The committee's recommendation for the Improvement Fund is \$1,600.00 and for the Promotion fund is \$1,750.00. Dennis announced that he was resigning effective immediately and recommended Pam Maynard as the next chairman. His resignation would create a vacancy on that committee. The committee reported that Mike Anderson had expressed interest in being on the Lodging committee.

Motion by Shaw and seconded by Pavelka to approve the Clay County Tourism Committee's recommendations concerning the request for funding for Improvements and Promotions. On roll call, yea: Samuelson, Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

It was decided to hold a solar workshop sometime in January to gather more information.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Pavelka to adjourn this meeting at 11:08 AM; next meeting scheduled for December 24, 2019. On roll call, yea: Pavelka, Johnson, Shaw, Bitterman, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Schmidt. Motion carried.

Deborah Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman